

DECLARATION - USA PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled WAFER SUPPORT SYSTEM; the specification of which was filed on September 4, 1997 as Application Serial No. 08/923,241.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application No.: 60/039,850

Filing Date: March 5, 1997 and Filing Date: September 1, 1995

Application No.: 60/003,132

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Application No.: 08/788,817 Filing Date: January 23, 1997 Status: Pending

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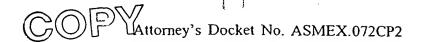
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